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firka. An outsider getting elected may not take any interest for our welfare. So our sixth demand is that we the people of Laccadive, Amindivi and Minicoy islands numbering about thirty thousand should be constituted into a separate constituency, considering our special needs and peculiar circumstances.

7. Our seventh demand is regarding Public Health. Some of the islands have no doctors. Even serious cases have to be brought to the mainland for treatment in the country crafts. There are several kinds of diseases prevailing in the islands. Officers of the Medical and Public Health should be deputed to investigate the causes of such diseases and eradicate them.

8. If all our demands are to be catalogued, it will be a big list. But we are at present requesting the Honourable Chief Minister of Madras to pay special attention to these seven urgent matters mentioned above, implement the suggestions made therein and improve the status of our islands which are strategic in peace time and will be still more so in times of war.

APPENDIX V.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 755 asked by Sri K. R. Viswanathan at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 13th May 1954, page 713 supra.]

Statement showing the number of Gazetted Officers and the strength of other establishment in the Civil Supplies section of the Board of Revenue and the Secretariat before and after the removal of food control in the State.

BOARD OF REVENUE (CIVIL SUPPLIES).

Details of staff. (1)	Strength of staff as on 16th June 1952 the date on which rationing was abolished and other controls were relaxed. (2)	Strength of staff as on date. (3)
Gazetted—		
General Branch—		
Deputy Commissioner of Civil Supplies in the grade of Collectors	2	Nil.
Assistant Commissioner of Civil Supplies (Movements) in the grade of Sub-Collector ..	1	,,
Secretary to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies ..	1	,, *
Joint Secretary to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies	1	..
Assistant Secretaries to Commissioner of Civil Supplies ...	5	2
State Road Transport Officer ..	1	1

* Following the partition of the State the posts of Secretary to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and the Secretary to the Commissioner of Food Production have been combined into a single post of Secretary to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Food Production.

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BOARD OF REVENUE (CIVIL SUPPEIES)—*cont.*

Details of staff. (1)	Strength of staff as on 16th June 1952 the date on which rationing was abolished and other controls were relaxed. (2)	Strength of staff as on date. (3)
Gazetted—*cont.*		
Accounts Branch—*cont.*		
Chief Accounts Officer	1	1
Deputy Chief Accounts Officers ..	3	2
Non-Gazetted—		
General Branch—		
Superintendents	21	10
Upper Division Clerks	63	26
Inspecting Accountant	1	1
Lower Division Clerks	23	14
Steno-typists	12	3
Typists	20	10
Attenders	12	5
Peons	64	28
Accounts Branch—		
Superintendents	15	10
Accountants	47	36
Upper division Clerks	2	..
Lower Division Clerks	..	2

SECRETARIAT.

Details. (1)	As on 16th June 1952. (2)	As on 31st October 1953 on the eve of reorganisation of departments. (3)
Gazetted—		
Secretary to Government ..	1	1
Deputy Secretary to Government	1	1
Assistant Secretaries to Government	4	3
Nutrition Officer	1	..
Non-Gazetted—		
Superintendents	15	13
Upper Division Clerks	37	34
Lower Division Clerks . ..	19	20
Steno-typists	5	4
Typists	13	12
Attenders	2	2
Peons (including Duffadar) ..	25	21